easier access to credit, collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation and improved infrastructure etc.

**Growth of SSI**

2764. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growth of Small Scale Industries declined in nineties as compared to eighties;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of the assessment as regards annual production value, creations of additional employment opportunities in the Small Scale Industries sector during the eighties as well as nineties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The performance of the Small scale industries has improved during the nineties as compared to that of the eighties. The estimates of additional number of SSI units set up, additional production and employment generated during the nineties as compared to the eighties are given below:—

| During | Additional number of SSI units set up (in Lakh nos.) | Additional production at 1970-71 prices (in Rs. Crore) | Additional employment (in Lakhs nos.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1980-1990 | 10.18 | 18665 | 52.60 |
| 1990-2000 | 13.89 | 29833 | 58.90 |